

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 COMPETITIVE SOURCING FEASIBILITY REVIEWS

The Department of Energy (DOE) recently approved the Competitive Sourcing Feasibility Reviews for this year. Feasibility Reviews are part of the preliminary analysis used to determine which functions/organizations are best suited for a formal OMB Circular A-76 study. A Feasibility Review is NOT the same as a competitive sourcing study; it is the selection process for future public-private competitions. The review will provide information on the scope of a potential A-76 study, mission impact and risk, estimated savings, and proposed timeline. The Department has committed to announcing A-76 studies involving 200-400 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions by September 30, 2005, as part of its President's Management Agenda program goal.

There are six business units encompassing a total of 628 FTEs that were approved for Feasibility Reviews. The business units include:

- National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Engineering Services - 130 FTEs (NNSA-Wide)
- Environment, Safety and Health (ES&H) Engineering Services - 56 FTEs (ES&H-Wide)
- Management Support to Research and Development - 76 FTEs (EE/SC-Wide)
- Fossil Energy's (FE) Strategic Petroleum Reserve Office - 100 FTEs (FE-Wide)
- Office of Science (SC) Non-Manufacturing Operations - 134 FTEs (SC-Wide)
- SC Research and Development Test and Evaluation - 132 FTEs (SC-Wide)

About half the business units approved for review stem from business units deferred from last year's Feasibility Review process; the others were selected based on input from Departmental Elements and/or a review of the FY 2004 FAIR Act Inventory. The affected DOE elements have been notified of their selection for the Feasibility Reviews.

The Department is committed to keeping its employees apprised as we move through the Feasibility Review process.

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